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Dear Brock:

During the past year, Dr. Fubini has forwarded a number of proposals for adaptation of the CORONA system to fulfill cartographic needs with a Reseau modification. In examining the requirements for an improved capability, USIB and COMOR find that most of the present mapping, charting, and geodesy needs will be met in the next year or two with existing systems. I am not entirely convinced of this, however, and plan to review their conclusions at an early date.

It is understood that you indicated on 21 July 1965 to the Land Panel that NRO had perhaps begun work directed toward the development of a new cartographic satellite system. In view of the above, this is of natural interest to the intelligence community and therefore it would be helpful if the details of your plans (if existent) could be made available for correlation with intelligence requirements. Accordingly, it would be appreciated if COMOR and USIB could be briefed at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

(Signed) " RED "

W. F. Raborn

cc: Mr. Cyrus R. Vance

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Washington, D. C.

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The attached letter to Dr. McMillan asks whether NRO is working toward a cartographic satellite system; if so, NRO is requested to brief COMOR and USIB. Bud Wheelon feels that we should get this on the record even though he doubts that McMillan will bother to respond. In view of McMillan's departure on or about the first of October, you may wish to consider whether it is advisable to send this letter or take up the matter with the new management after McMillan's departure.



L. K. White

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